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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: 1/12/2016

**DATE:** 12/23/2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee  
**THROUGH:** Craig Betts, Chief Information Officer,  
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**SUBJECT:** The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the expenditure to replace the three (3) Harris Daily Wells Symphony Dispatch Radio Consoles currently in use at the Sparks Police Department Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatch center at a cost not to exceed \$139,103.51. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The current radio consoles in use by Sparks Police Department, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Communications Center have reached the end of their life cycle. Replacement parts are becoming more difficult or impossible to obtain. Repairs may not be possible should a console break.

The current consoles are incapable of encrypting radio transmissions in order to meet national standards of privacy. Currently, Sparks Police Department officers transmit an individual's personal information (i.e. name, date of birth, and social security number) over an open channel. The Harris Daily Wells Symphony Dispatch Radio Consoles are encryption enabled which will allow encrypted communications between the Communications Center and the radio responder, thus protecting the citizen's private information.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

AGENDA ITEM # 8.I.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

- On June 23, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved the payment from the Enhanced 911 Fund for the purchase of four (4) Harris Dailey Wells Symphony Dispatch Radio Consoles in the amount of [\$161,297.40], for use by the Washoe County Communications Center.
- On May 7, 2015, the E911 Advisory Board recommended the purchase of four Harris Daily Wells Symphony Dispatch Radio Consoles, and approved spending in an amount up to \$161,297.40 from the Enhanced 911 Fund to purchase them for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Communications Center.

### **BACKGROUND**

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget authority and cash exists within the E911 Fund in the amount of [\$139,103.51] from C800801 Enhanced 911 Fund – GL 781004 Equipment Capital.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve funding for the Sparks Police Department, PSAP Dispatch center to replace three (3) radio consoles at a total cost not to exceed \$139,103.51 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Total expenditures to be funded within the adopted operating budget of the E911 Fund.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the funding for the Sparks Police Department, PSAP Dispatch center to replace three (3) radio consoles at a total cost not to exceed \$139,103.51 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Total expenditures to be funded within the adopted operating budget of the E911 Fund."